

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1034 - HB 1513

March 14, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Textbook Transparency Act*. Requires, by January 1, 2022, electronic versions of textbooks adopted by local education agencies and public charter schools to be stored on an electronic database developed by the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), which is accessible to the public free of charge at each public university's main campus library.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$2,000/FY21-22/STS
\$500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/STS

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$2,000/FY21-22/General Fund
Exceeds \$500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/
General Fund

Assumptions:

- SBE and THEC will have to determine the specifications for the database prior to the Department of Finance and Administration's Strategic Technology Solutions (STS) determining a precise cost to build and maintain the database.
- Based on information previously provided by STS, it is reasonably assumed that creation and maintenance of the database will require at least 20 hours of work, at an average rate of \$100 per hour; resulting in an increase in state expenditures from the General Fund exceeding \$2,000 (\$100 x 20) in FY21-22 and a corresponding increase in state revenue to STS.
- The extent of work required by STS may increase depending on the complexity of the database, as determined by SBE and THEC.
- It is reasonably assumed the database will require annual maintenance to include the electronic versions of any newly adopted textbooks and remove those no longer utilized. While the precise increase in state expenditures for such maintenance will be dependent upon the complexity of the database and the number of edits required, such expenditures from the General Fund and corresponding increase to state revenue for STS are reasonably estimated to exceed \$500 annually, beginning in FY22-23 and occurring in subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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